

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 5. This sheet, which includes Fig. 5, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 5. In Fig. 5, the reference numeral 37 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

The office action of September 8, 2006, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the drawings, disclosure and claims 1, 2, 6-11, 17, 20 and 23 are objected to on various formal grounds.

Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Finally, it is noted that claims 1-23 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In connection with the Examiner's objection to the drawings, applicant has attached a Replacement Sheet containing Fig. 5, in which the reference numeral 37 has been inserted as requested by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawings is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Relative to the objection to the disclosure, applicant has amended the specification as suggested by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the disclosure is overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the Examiner's objections to and rejections of the claims, applicant has amended claims 1-6, 8-14, 17, 18 and 20-23.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Regarding the informalities pointed out by the Examiner, applicant has made all of the suggested corrections, save one.

Applicant has not made all of the changes suggested by the Examiner in paragraph 4 on page 4 of the Office Action. The changes suggested in the first sentence of this paragraph have not been made since they would make the section grammatically incorrect. To illustrate, as presently written, the passage of claim 1 in question reads:

"with a lock cylinder (40) into which a key (41) can be inserted, which, when turned in an emergency situation, rotates the lock cylinder (40) and moves the lock between an unlocking position and a locking position"

whereas the Examiner's changes would cause the passage to read:

"with a lock cylinder (40) into which a key (41) can be inserted, which, when turned in an emergency situation, and rotates the lock cylinder (40), moving ~~and moves~~ the lock between an unlocking position and a locking position"

For the above reason the change was not made to claim 1.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objection to claims 1, 2, 6-11, 17, 20 and 23 as containing informalities is overcome and should be withdrawn.

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Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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